Rural development under various schemes

980. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds allocated and spent for rural development, under various schemes, during the past three years in the country;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to allocate more funds for providing potable water, sanitation facilities, housing facilities etc. to all the rural habitations in a time-frame; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The Central funds allocated and spent under all the rural development schemes of this Ministry during the past three years in the country are Rs. 64906.40 crores and Rs. 64883.54 crores respectively.

(b) and (c) The Government have made enhanced Central allocation of funds during the current financial year 2006-07 for providing potable water, sanitation and housing facilities, as compared to the Central allocations of the last financial year 2005-06. Scheme-wise details are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Budget allocation during	
		2005-06	2006-07
1.	Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP)	4060.00	5200.00
2.	Total Sanitation Compaign (TSC)	700.00	800.00
3.	Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)	2750.00	2920.00

Roads for tribal areas of Jharkhand

981. Ms. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribal villages/hamlets (500 people) still not connected to main roads in the tribal districts of Simdega, Gumla and Lohardaga in Jharkhand;

(b) by when these villages would be linked to all weather roads; and

(c) the targets for the next three financial years regarding, names of the road length in Kms. and financial allocations for the above mentioned three districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) According to the connectivity status furnished by the State, after approval of Phase IV proposals the number of unconnected habitations and the road length required to connect them is as given below:

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of Unconnected Habitations after Phase IV					
		1000+	500+	250+	<250	Total	Length of roads for connectivity (km)
1	Gumla	3	221	482	727	1433	811.08
2	Simdega	30	93	202	613	938	1366.65
3	Lohardaga	8	22	44	47	121	1381.75

According to the targets set under Bharat Nirman, all eligible habitations having a population of 500 and above in the tribal (Schedule V) areas will be connected by an all-weather road by 2009. District-wise financial allocation is made by the State Government.

Swajaldhara Yojana

982. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the genesis and objective of Swajaldhara Yojana;

(b) how far the scheme has fulfilled its role in various States;

(c) whether Government have received any projects from Rajasthan under Swajaldhara Yojana, since its inception;

(d) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(e) how many projects have been approved under Swajaldhara Yojana, till date, in the State; and

(f) the detailed reasons for those projects, which could not get approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) and (b) The Government of India had launched the Sector Reform Project in 1999 on pilot basis in 67 districts in 26 States. Based on the experience gained with these pilot projects, Swajaldhara was launched in December, 2002 to cover the whole country. The principles of Swajaldhara are to promote adoption of a demand-responsive, adaptable approach along with community participation based on empowerment of villagers to ensure their full participation in the project through a decision making role in the choice of the drinking water scheme,